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Via ECF

Honorable LaShann DeArcy Hall
United States District Judge
Eastern District of New York
100 Federal Plaza
Central Islip, NY 11722

Re: USA v. Liu et al. 1:22-cr-00311-LDH

Dear Judge Hall:

As you are aware, I am counsel to Defendant Fan Liu in the above-referenced criminal matter. I attempted to provide the following to Your Honor's Courtroom Deputy, however after talking with Your Honor's Chambers was told she was unavailable and that I should draft a letter to be sent via ECF.

I write to alert the Court that at tomorrow's telephonic conference at 3:00pm I will move, with Mr. Liu's consent, to withdraw as his attorney. Among other reasons, there has been a breakdown in the attorney-client communication process and I can no longer provide him adequate representation. As trial is not slated until the beginning of 2026, I do not believe this will impede the timing of the case. I have notified the assigned AUSAs of this request and they indicated no opposition.

Also, as I do not believe Mr. Liu has sufficient funds to hire a new attorney, I believe he will be eligible for appointed counsel. I wanted to let Your Honor know now in case you wanted to have a CJA attorney ready to join the call.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Peter Katz'.

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